



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority

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Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Mayor Streeter

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher. The Town Clerk entertained a motion made by Councilor Flax and seconded by Councilor Kolnaski to appoint Councilor Monteiro as Chairman Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Streeter. Vote was unanimously in favor.

II. Approval of Minutes

2010-0165 Approval of Minutes (Groton Resource Recovery Authority)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GROTON RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Groton Resource Recovery Authority meeting of July 20, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 7 - Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Kolnaski

III. Public Comment

Michael Sauchuk, 183 Cow Hill Road, Mystic. Referred to a correspondence he sent to all councilors regarding a federal violation and conviction of an active partner of the CWPM, LLC. He urged the Council to consider awarding the Solid Waste/Limited Recycling Commercial Waste contract to a local bidder.

IV. Communications

Councilor Kolnaski reported a phone call and the letter from Mr. Sauchuk. Councilor Sheets received the same letter and reported that she conducted some research that she will discuss with the committee at the appropriate time.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

2010-0159 Selection of Commercial Solid Waste Collection Contractor and Setting of FYE 2011 Rates Discussed

Town Manager, Mark Oefinger explained in detail his support of Groton's current bidding process. He suggests that the committee might want to refer the matter to the Town Council to

review the current policy.

Public Works Director, Gary Schneider distributed a comprehensive report in response to the questions and concerns of the GRRRA at their July 20th meeting. Report on file. He stated that the PW department firmly stands behind their recommendation to award CWPM the contract.

Council Flax stated that he believes the Town Council should consider changing their bidding process for the future.

Councilor Sheets stated there is nothing in the current policy or ordinance that prohibits changing bidding policy. She supports favoring local businesses.

Councilor Johnson commented that awarding a local business this contract is just moving one source of local funding to another local business. He suggested taking the bids to the merchants that are covered under the GRRRA and let them vote on who to award the contract.

Councilor Monteiro asked when the current contract was going to expire. Purchasing Agent, John Piacenza stated September 1, 2010 was the actual end of the current contract. He also stated that extension to that contract can be made if agreed upon by both parties.

Councilor Watson gave a brief history of GRRRA in which there were originally three separate districts. Councilor O'Beirne conferred and stated that two of which were serviced by Tinnerello and Sons.

Councilor Sheets feels the committee is trivializing the severity of the federal conviction levied on a partner of CWPM.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Monteiro, to award CWPM the Commercial Solid Waste Collection contract and set the FYE 2011 rates.

Councilor Johnson made a motion to amend, seconded by Councilor Flax, to allow local businesses to vote on the two bids. The motion was withdrawn for inappropriateness.

Councilor Sheets moved to amend the motion to award the contract to Sauchuk, LLC, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Motion failed 7 opposed, 1 in favor (Councilor Sheets).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 5 - Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr. and Councilor Peruzzotti

Opposed: 3 - Councilor Johnson, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

Deleted from Referral List - No further action

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson and so voted unanimously.